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IN SHORT DECEMBER 7 EDITORIAL, OTTAWA CITIZEN SUGGESTS TWO QUESTIONS RAISED BY TRUDEAU VISIT. (A) "IS CANADA CHARGING A FAIR PRICE FOR THE OIL IT SELLS TO US REFINERIES?... FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD PUBLISH THE FIGURES NEEDED TO PROVE THAT THE EXPORT TAX ON OIL SOLD TO THE US IS NO MORE THAN THE SUM NEEDED TO COVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COST OF OIL IMPORTED INTO MONTREAL AND THE WELLHEAD COST IN ALBERTA." (B) "IS CANADA BUILDING THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP IT SHOULD HAVE NOT ONLY WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE US GOVERNMENT, BUT ALSO WITH THE CONGRESS?... MR. TRUDEAU'S MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN WAS UNDOUBTEDLY USEFUL. SUCH MEETINGS BETWEEN CANADIAN AND AMERICAN POLITICIANS SHOULD BECOME MORE FREQUENT... WITH THE SHIFT OF POWER FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO CONGRESS SINCE THE WATERGATE AFFAIR, IT IS MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER THAT CONGRESSMEN HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CANADA'S PROBLEMS."

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